

Gift Shop Opens

Now you have a reason to arrive extra early for Friday night services. On Monday, November 13, the Congregation Sha'ar Zahav gift shop opened for business. Actually, that night was more a sneak preview, with members of the Va'ad viewing the results of many months of planning and preparation by our small, dedicated committee.

The purposes of the gift shop are to provide Jewish-related and Sha'ar Zahav specialty items for our members and others to purchase at convenient times and at a convenient place, and to raise money for the General Fund of the congregation.

We have begun with a small but varied inventory to meet your Shabbat and Chanukah needs. We have Shabbat candles as well as candlesticks. We have a variety of mezuzot, including some especially for children's rooms. We carry yahrzeit candles and Havdallah candles as well. In addition we have a variety of kipot and a few tallitim.

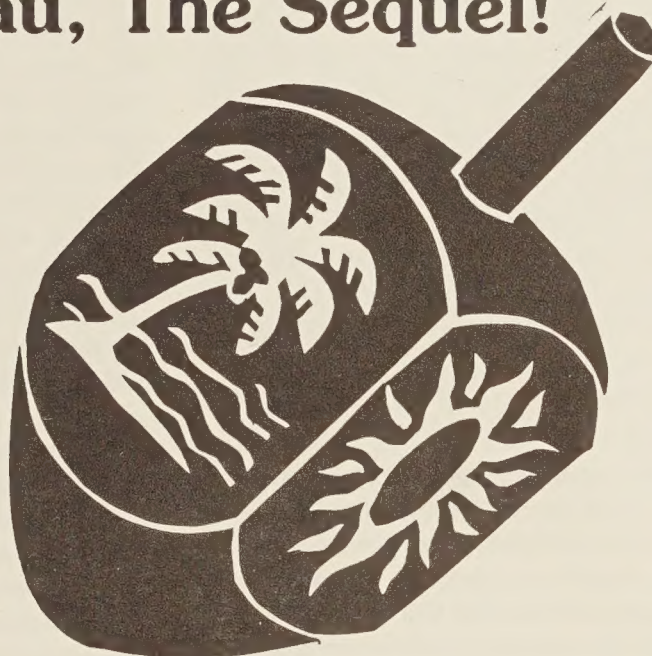
The gift shop also can take care of many of your Chanukah needs. For example, we have four varieties of Chanukah candles, including the beautiful dripless models in blue, white and, our favorite, rainbow. We carry a selection of Chanukiot (menorahs), gift wrap papers, dreidels, and, of course, those wonderful little bags of Chanukah gelt!

We are pleased to carry Judy Stone's custom-made pink and yellow star pins and earrings. In addition we can provide you with the Jewish engagement calendar, your old favorite Sha'ar Zahav T-shirts, sweatshirts, our wonderful cookbook, *Out of Our Kitchen Closets*, and much more! We will be able to special order books and other items for you.

Some of the Judaica available in the gift shop is on display in the Wallenberg breezeway; you can view others in the display cases upstairs in the library, where you may want to do some serious shopping.

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Latke Luau, The Sequel!



In order to bring a bit of summer fun into the cool December air, we are proud to announce this year's Chanukah event—Latke Luau, The Sequel. This is your opportunity to pull out your favorite Hawaiian costume and hula down to the Unitarian Center (Franklin at Geary) on December 30 starting at 7 pm for dancing, schmoozing, eating (what else is new?) and other festive activities. There will not be a special children's program, but there will be childcare.

The grand prize this year is (you guessed it) a fabulous trip for two to Hawaii. Second prize is a relaxing weekend away at the Highlands Resort at the Russian River. Enclosed with this month's newsletter are raffle books

which should be sold to friends, family and anyone needing a trip to Hawaii. If you need more raffles, call the synagogue office. Raffles cost \$2 each or 12 for \$20. Stubs and checks can be mailed into the office or brought to Friday night services. The Chanukah raffle represents our largest fundraiser, and we hope that everyone will do their part in selling their share.

Mark your calendars now for this fun-filled evening; be sure to invite your friends and family! Admission is \$5 per member and \$7 per non-member; children will be admitted at no charge. We do need volunteers to help us. If you can help, please call Marc Mencher at 626-9592.

Chanukah Shhh

Once again it's time for the silent subplot of Sha'ar Zahav's Chanukah celebration—the **Silent Auction**.

Shabbat candlesticks, chicken soup, dinners for four or six, massages, tutorials in torah cantillation, yarn spinning, a rowing machine, sculptures, tickets for plays and concerts—all these and many other items have been donated in the past so that all of us can bid on them,

competing against each other for the benefit of our congregation.

Do you have a service you want to donate to be auctioned off? How about a ritual object or a work of art? If you have something (and we all do, you know) then give David Stein or Alex Ingersoll a call at 431-7541 before December 20 to register your donation for the Chanukah Silent Auction.

Afterquake Thoughts

Two weeks after the earthquake, I flew to New Orleans to attend the UAHC Biennial Assembly. Leaving San Francisco, I looked forward to a little relief from the quake and its aftermath. After arriving at our hotel in the French Quarter, Dan and I headed out for a quick tour of the neighborhood. To our dismay, we quickly spotted crumbling masonry, numerous cracks in walls and lots of buildings not adequately secured to their foundations. We critically assessed each building, estimating how strong a quake it could withstand. This was important because we felt "aftershocks" throughout our stay in New Orleans. (Mysteriously, it was only other Californians who felt them too.)

Engineers are continuing to uncover the "hidden damage" from the quake. But the hidden damage is not limited to the buildings; many of us were more deeply affected by the quake than we initially realized. In the days immediately after October 17, we applauded the speed with which "life" (our cities, business) got "back to normal." At the time, restoring normalcy seemed like the highest priority. The rush to restore everything to what it was like before was, in part, a denial that anything had changed.

As you know, I do not believe that the purpose of illness is to teach us a lesson; I'd rather we all remained ignorant. We could have done just fine (thank you) without the insights gained from this earthquake. But having survived the quake, we ask ourselves: what have we learned? The response of thousands of individuals—rescuing trapped persons, directing traffic, opening doors and hearts to strangers—affirmed my faith in the fundamental goodness of humanity. The trust and cooperation which characterized the first 24 hours convinced me that all our prayers and work on behalf of social unity and peace are not unfounded. Like any disruption to the regular course of events, we were reminded of how much we take for granted—the infrastructure of transportation and resources and our dependence on technology, our regional interdependence. The hours after the quake allowed each of us to consider who and what we value. We rushed to the tele-

phone to check in with those we love. We wondered: if I only had 15 minutes to move out of my house, what would I take?

Although the initial fear and shock has subsided, the psychic aftershocks and social disruptions continue. The recovery from trauma takes time and it can strike us in unexpected ways. More than ever, this is a time to be gentle with one another, to be open to hearing others' fears and concerns and naming our own, to strengthen one another that we may live with and overcome those fears.

I also want to express my gratitude to and appreciation of the response of our synagogue community. To my knowledge, no one from CSZ was hurt nor is there major property damage at any CSZ member's home. Following the quake, the synagogue received many calls offering assistance to anyone in need. In order to provide East Bay members a place to gather, we organized services in the East Bay on the Friday night immediately after the quake and on two additional Shabbat eves during November. Volunteers quickly came forward to lead services, host these gatherings and arrange the oneg. Also gratifying has been the response of our sibling congregations and friends around the country. Many people called to check up on the shul and our members and others have sent earthquake relief donations. We are forwarding these to Project Open Hand and the Jewish Community Federation Earthquake Relief Fund.

At Friday evening services since the earthquake, we have taken time at the beginning of each service to share our concerns, feelings and ideas. This opportunity to share with the community aspects of what we are living through—from aftershocks to anger at the election results—has been a profound and meaningful addition to our liturgy. As a worshiping community, we pause to listen to each other. *Sh'ma Yisrael*—it is through our listening to one another, our openness to others' pain and joy, others' aftershocks and anger, that we move towards becoming one—*Echad*.

May your Chanukah festival be filled with light, joy and inspiration.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Thanks Again!

My previous "heartfelt thanks" was somewhat premature, as I took ill again and eventually required surgery. But now I'm truly on the mend and should be back at services and meetings before you even read this. But again, warm hugs and thanks to all who called, visited, sent cards, sent flowers, sent toys, made me soup, brought me books, magazines and tapes, chauffeured me to the doctor and ran errands. Lee and I discovered first-hand just how wonderful the Sha'ar Zahav family really is.

—Robin Leonard

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The Parenting Forum Continues

Our Forum, "A Jewish Perspective on Lesbian and Gay Parenting," has gotten off to a wonderful start. The two presentations in November could not have been better. All of the speakers in the first panel, "So You Want To Be a Parent ..." were extremely informative, humorous and articulate speakers on a subject of interest to all those members and non-members who were present. Each of the speakers had unique insights into their various experiences as parents.

Roberta Achtenberg and Rabbi Kahn gave a fantastic presentation in their lecture titled, "A Lawyer and a Rabbi Talk About Lesbian/Gay Parenting." People attending their first lecture on this subject, as well as those who have attended others, came away with new and valuable information.

The series continues on December 3 with "A Lifelong Perspective on Jewish Adoption." Our speakers will include all points on what has become known as the "adoption triad"; all are speaking as lesbian and gay Jews. Robin Brooks will describe her own experience as an adoptee along with her observations as a therapist who has worked with adoptees. Robin was raised in the Jewish culture and religion and only found out as an adult that her birth parents were not Jewish and that she is bi-racial. She'll discuss the problems of not knowing her ethnic background, as well as how she integrated this information into her identity after finding her birth parents.

Aaron Cooper and Eric Keitel will discuss their experience of going through a public adoption agency as a gay couple. Another member of the congregation will talk about her experiences of adopting older children, and introducing non-Jewish kids to Judaism. She'll also talk about the experience of an open international adoption. Linda Jupiter relinquished her infant daughter to an adoption agency 24 years ago. She recently found and met her adult daughter, who is bi-racial and was raised by Catholic adoptive parents. She'll share a birth mother's view of closed adoption.

On December 17, we'll be presenting a very exciting forum titled, "The Newest Special Needs Children: Caring for HIV Positive and 'Crack' Affected Kids." The speakers on this panel will include a representative from the San Francisco Department of Social Services who'll

talk about the recent controversy over placing minority children in white families, and about the department's attitude about making placements with lesbians and gay men.

Allyce Kimmerling, another member of the congregation, volunteers her time at San Francisco General Hospital with fragile infants (babies at risk of dying), most of whom have been born drug-addicted. She'll speak about her experiences with these babies, and about her specialty of family law, dealing particularly with guardianship and adoption for special needs kids. Dr. Richard Fulroth, director of perinatology at Highland Hospital in Oakland, will talk about the special medical problems of crack-addicted and HIV-positive infants.

One of these problems is the need for the infants to go through a "detox" period after birth; a woman from the "Baby Moms" program will talk about her experiences of taking babies through that process. A lesbian couple has recently and jointly adopted a 2½-year-old boy with AIDS. One of his mothers, Millie Jessen, will talk about parenting him almost from the time of his birth.

The forum continues on alternate Sunday afternoons at 2:30 at Sha'ar Zahav. Childcare will be available for all of the forum. For more information call Lisa Katz at 285-4934.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in November. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

**Audrey Adelson, Gregory and
Timothy Rubin**

Pamela and Daniel Eiselman

Shelley Eisenman

Elliot Gordon

Cheryl Sena

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Holiday Mitzvah Opportunities

Continuing and expanding the tradition we started last year, members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and the AIDS Mitzvah Network of the Jewish Family and Children's Services will cook and deliver meals for Project Open Hand on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 24 and 25. Project Open Hand (2720 17th St.) delivers delicious hot meals to people with AIDS throughout San Francisco. This is a wonderful opportunity to answer the perennial question, "What does a Jew do on Christmas," by performing a mitzvah for Project Open Hand's clients and their regular volunteers.

This year we will be helping out on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and will be helping in the kitchen as well as delivering the meals. On each of the days, meal delivery will take place from 4 to about 6 pm. Cooking helpers are needed for two shifts: 9 am to 1 pm and 10 am to 2 pm. We will have a festive potluck at the synagogue immediately following the deliveries on December 25.

Additionally, Jewish Family and Children's Services has asked us to help them provide the Chanukah component of Shanti Project's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16. Volunteers are needed starting at 5 pm to help set up and to help host the party.

Because last year we were in the enviable position of having more volunteers than work, this year we are asking people to sign up early. Please use the sign-up form included on the insert in this newsletter and return it to the synagogue by December 11 for the Shanti party and by December 15 for the Open Hand opportunities. As a second-best alternative, you may call this writer at 647-1196 to sign up.

—Claudia Bernard

Naches

Congratulations to **Randy Heilbrunn** for his second straight achievement of the Hewlett-Packard "Pride of Neeley Award" and the purchase of his new home in Bernal Heights.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Price** on her return home after a long convalescence.

Va'ad Report for October and November

This report will cover the Va'ad meetings for both October and November, since the timing of the High Holy Days caused the October meeting to fall after the newsletter publication deadline.

The October Va'ad meeting opened with the customary call to order and check-in. Rabbi Kahn began by leading a brief study session of a passage from Ecclesiastes. He reported some of the very positive comments he had gotten about High Holy Days services, and went on to discuss the probable expansion of our Kadimah to include a third class next year.

Ben Schalit gave a thorough explanation of the monthly financial statement and answered questions and comments about the budget. Eric Keitel expressed his appreciation of all the High Holy Day coordinators for their hard work and went on to discuss some of the upcoming events which will need volunteers, such as Super Sunday and Project Open Hand. Mike Rankin reported on his October 15 speaking engagement at Sinai Temple in Oakland, where he spoke on Judaism and Homosexuality.

We were all reminded of how important the work he does really is when he told us that Berman House, a Jewish publishing house, has published a book called *How Do I Choose* on sexuality and Jewish identity for use in seventh and eighth grade classes in religious schools. Information from CSZ and excerpts from our liturgy are included in this book.

The topic which engendered the most discussion at this meeting was the High Holy Days. Claudia Bernard, co-coordinator, led much of the discussion. Everyone expressed their appreciation for how lovely the services were, and how much work was done to have them go so well. We then went on to discuss the problems we have had the past few years, and particularly this year, in accommodating the large numbers of people who show up for the Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre services. The main sanctuary at the Unitarian Center barely accommodates members and their guests as we continue to grow, and some of the non-members who were seated in the overflow rooms were angry and disappointed when they

couldn't be in the sanctuary, especially those who had made a point of arriving early. The desirability of a larger space was raised, and discussion revolved around issues such as our understanding of whose needs we are here to serve and why, and our place in the Bay Area Jewish community. The discussion focused us on how we try to balance such things as serving the needs of our members with serving the needs of the community at large. Moving to a larger (but probably less attractive and less comfortable) space would accommodate more people and make us a welcoming place to all who wish to be with us at the High Holy Days. However, staying at the Unitarian Center, which is lovely and contributes to the quality of our services has become something of a tradition, and also means a great deal to us. Many recommendations were made and alternatives discussed. We ended by forming a sub-committee of three members to address these issues and by looking into the availability and suitability of alternate locations for future High Holy Day services.

The Va'ad approved a motion authorizing construction of our pew cushions to begin immediately, since our fundraising efforts to cover the project costs have been very successful. Merry Luskin, chair of the Membership Committee, presented six new individuals and one family. All were unanimously voted in as members. The meeting was adjourned shortly before 9 pm with our customary singing of Oseh Shalom.

The November Va'ad meeting had some unusual items such as earthquake response and the UAHC biennial meeting in New Orleans. In keeping with the issues on many of our minds, Rabbi Kahn led us in discussion of the meaning of the following quote from Pirkei Avot: "Let your house be open wide, and let the poor be members of your household." Rabbi Kahn has received a number of contributions for earthquake relief from outside of the congregation, including sibling congregations around the country. He will be consolidating and forwarding these on to Jewish Community Appeal and Project Open Hand, two of the organizations which took an active role in responding to the

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Justice in New Orleans

What could be more wonderful than standing among 4,000 delegates to a General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and speaking out for the rights of lesbians and gay men? I'll tell you what: remaining in your seat while the senior rabbi of the largest synagogue in Canada does it for you! There were rabbis from New York and Chicago, from San Rafael, and believe it or not, from Bakersfield and a small city in Texas.

We delegates from CSZ and from other "gay outreach" congregations had our say on many occasions during the five-day Biennial last month in New Orleans. So did other gay and lesbian delegates from the mainstream organizations. It felt good to know how many others stood with us.

It felt good when Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC (the lay organization of Reform Judaism) told the delegates in his Shabbat sermon that homophobia, like all other forms of prejudice, is incompatible with the prophetic teachings and ideals of Judaism. "They [gay men and lesbians] are our congregants, our friends and committee members and yes, our leaders both professional and lay. Whether we know it or not, whether we acknowledge it or not, some of them are our sisters and brothers, our daughters and our sons. We who were beaten in the streets of Berlin," he continued, "cannot turn away from the plague of gay bashing. We who were Marranos in Madrid, who clung to the closet of assimilation and conversion in order to live without molestation, we cannot deny the demand for gay and lesbian visibility.... [T]hey must know that we place no limits on their communal or spiritual aspirations! I am working to make the Reform Jewish community a home, a place where loneliness and suffering and exile end!"

In his address Rabbi Schindler proposed a resolution calling for seminars and workshops on Judaism and homosexuality in every synagogue and at every regional biennial. In an all-night session of the President's Message Committee, the resolution was broadened to include welcoming lesbians and gays to mainstream congregations as singles,

UAHC Names Project Panel

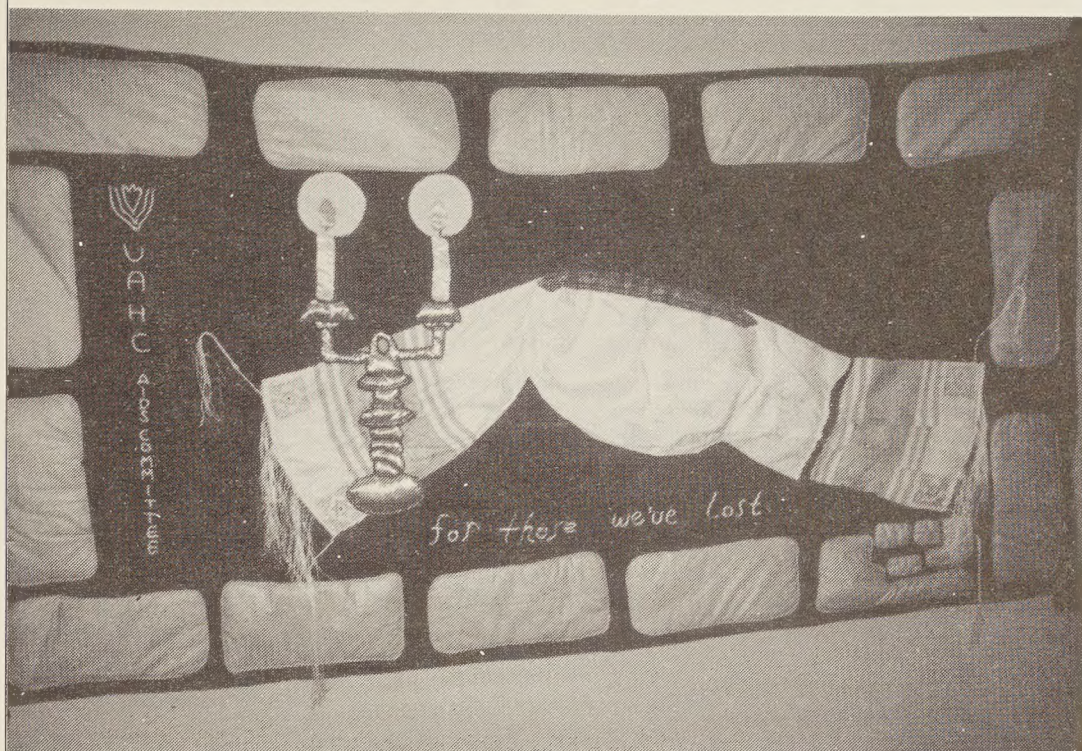


Photo by David Stein

At Havdallah services at the UAHC Biennial Convention in New Orleans last month, the UAHC Task Force on AIDS Committee presented a panel (see accompanying photo) commemorating gay and lesbian Jews who have died of AIDS.

Mike Rankin, chair of the committee, spearheaded the move to add a UAHC panel to the growing Names Project Quilt. Designed by John E. Hirsch of New York and fabricated by David Stein of Sha'ar Zahav, the panel incorporates many poignant traditional Jewish ritual and historical symbols. It is bordered by pocket-like shapes representing stones from the Wall in Jerusalem. Members at

the UAHC Biennial were encouraged to place prayers inside the quilted stones, just as we do when we visit the Western Wall. The stone-pockets were then sewn shut before the quilt was presented to the Names Project in San Francisco.

Other symbols on the quilt include the candelabra and the tallit. The tallit is torn indicating that a portion of our sisters and brothers have been cut off from the body of gay and lesbian Jews.

The theme of the quilt is hope. The Hebrew word "tikva" appears in bold letters rising out of the purple velvet background, as if rising out of our very being, and the candles are lit indicating that hope is never dead.

couples (i.e., domestic partners) and families. The new version called on the CCAR (the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic branch of the UAHC) to complete its four-year study of the acceptance, education and ordination of gay and lesbian rabbis, and to vote on the matter at the earliest possible date.

When the expanded resolution was brought to the plenary session the next day, Rabbi Schindler supported it enthusiastically, and publicly stated his intention to vote in favor of ordination of gay

and lesbian Jews as rabbis when the issue comes before the CCAR membership, hopefully in June 1990.

It was wonderful to realize how much support we had at the conference but, of course, that support is not unanimous. Those who oppose ordination include some of the senior leadership of the CCAR and the Hebrew Union College. And there is a painful irony here. These men (and they are all men) are not generic bigots, like the "religious" fundamentalists and politicians who have

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disturbed our lives in recent years. Far from it. One of their group saved hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives after the war by mobilizing efforts to get food and medical supplies to survivors of the camps. Others were active in the black civil rights movement and in the anti-war movement. They applauded when women were ordained as rabbis. Alas, none of this seems to have protected them from the virus of homophobia, as their genius for music, poetry and art did not protect Chopin, T.S. Eliot, and Frederick Remington from being anti-semitic.

When asked to explain their opposition, they say the following: first, many people believe homosexuals to be immoral by definition, and they cannot therefore serve as the role models rabbis have to be; second, no one will hire them, so it is unfair to ordain them; and third, to ordain homosexuals as rabbis would split the Jewish people (i.e., would out-range traditionalists).

The first objection should not be dignified with an answer, except to say that all rabbis—and all people—should be held to the same standards of morality and decency. The second is partially true—it will be difficult for openly gay

men and lesbians to be hired. It was also difficult for women to be hired when they were first ordained, and some prejudice still remains. But their male colleagues stood with them and demanded that they be given a fair opportunity to be considered. Once granted that, women had no difficulty meeting the challenge of open competition. Neither will gays and lesbians, though it will take a great deal of education and sensitization before congregations are ready and willing. A resolution serves to focus an issue and start the process of educating. The real work begins after it is passed.

As for splitting the Jewish people, Jewish unity is indeed important, but not at the expense of denying justice. The Jewish people are already tragically split, in many cases, between gay and lesbian Jews and their heterosexual family members and friends. It is this wound that we seek to heal.

Besides, isn't the idea to do what is right, rather than simply to appease the traditionalists? In any case, I truly believe the majority of rabbis in the CCAR will opt for fairness and justice when they meet in June, if only they are allowed to vote on the issue.

There was much more to the Biennial than resolutions; there were workshops on every aspect of Jewish life, from music and theology to outreach and social action. Last Biennial there were three workshops on AIDS; this time there were six. Last Biennial we had 50 attendees at a seminar on Judaism and homosexuality; this year there were nearly 300. They want to know about us, and when we meet together, the stereotypes and misconceptions disappear. Strangers become friends, and family members become reconciled.

So many who wish us well were with us at a Havdallah service for all 4,000 delegates, sponsored by the AIDS Committee. Two by two we marched, about 30 of us, in slow, solemn procession, each pair carrying a quilt panel for someone who had died of AIDS, made by those who loved them. As Debbie Friedman sang a quietly beautiful *mishaberach*, we held the panels high on the stage, then gently folded them and presented them to Nancy Katz of the Names Project, for inclusion in the AIDS quilt. "This is the kaddish," one read, "for all those who have died."

Toward the end of the convention, Al
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Survey Under Way

By now you should have received what might be the most comprehensive survey about synagogue life ever devised! The Long-Range Planning Committee is very excited to have the surveys out to you and eagerly awaits their return. This is your chance to get your views and wishes heard as we plan for the future of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. It is particularly important that *all* of our members respond, since *all* your diverse opinions are valuable to us. So we encourage you to fill out the survey as soon as possible and send it back in the envelope provided. Members who return their surveys before December 12 will automatically be included in the committee-sponsored gift certificate raffle—an opportunity not to be missed! Please take part in guiding the future of our shul. It will be the most appreciated and constructive half hour you've spent in a long time.

—Long-Range Planning Committee



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Towards Our 13th Anniversary

In June 1990 we will celebrate our congregation's bat/bar mitzvah. The Anniversary Committee is coordinating a wonderful series of events, culminating in a champagne dance party (with live band) in the San Francisco War Memorial's Green Room.

We need individuals, couples and families to become **Anniversary Supporters** and help make this our most successful fundraising event ever. As a supporter your name will appear on all our party invitations, you will receive special recognition in the *Forward* and will be given complimentary tickets.

Your participation will have special meaning as it honors your synagogue's 13 years of growth and success in community service. And if you wish to act now you can gain a tax deduction for 1989.

Supporter categories are as follows:

Sponsor	\$500 and above	4 tickets
Benefactor	\$250-\$499	2 tickets
Patron	\$100-249	1 ticket

For additional information contact Susan Gelmis (759-0252), Don Albert (641-5113) or the synagogue office.

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Vorspan, vice president of the UAHC, gave a powerful address on social action. He finished with these words: "God will not judge us by our plaques, our degrees, and our press clippings, our bloated resumes—but by our refusal to yield, by our lumps and scars earned in worthy battle to reduce human suffering, and to advance justice and peace in this world. This is our immortality: to be co-partners with God in healing a hurting world and continuing the unbroken chain of Jewish continuity. To hand it down from one generation to the next as our covenant of life—to be Jews, and therefore to be a blessing unto all of humankind."

That, folks, is what we were trying to do in New Orleans in November—to advance peace and justice in this world. With God's help, with the strength of us all—we will succeed.

—Mike Rankin

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food needs of the wider community after the October 17 quake. At services on the first Shabbat after the quake, \$250 was collected in the pushke for earthquake relief and this sum will also be passed on to Project Open Hand. In addition, a motion was passed to match this with a \$250 contribution to Project Open Hand from the congregation.

Ben Schalit responded to questions and comments about the budget and reported that our High Holy Day donations have already exceeded the amount we expected, and are still coming in. Marc Mencher reported that Chanukah plans are under way, with our Latke Luau, The Sequel, scheduled on December 30 at 7 pm. Prizes will include a trip to Hawaii.

Eric Keitel reported on the UAHC Biennial and was joined by Rabbi Kahn, Ben Schalit, Richard Inlander and Ron Lezell, who had also attended. Ten people from CSZ attended, making CSZ probably the largest group of any synagogue represented. They all spoke about how wonderful it is to work and worship with between 2,000 and 3,000 other Jews and told us about the various workshops in which they participated. Eric spoke of how highly respected Rabbi Kahn is in the Reform movement. Rabbi Kahn led a healing service at Havdallah, attended by 3,000 people; they say you could have heard a pin drop. Mike Rankin was his usual one-person tour-de-force in his efforts and work on behalf of lesbian and gay Jews everywhere. Rabbi Schindler, head of the UAHC, is an inspiring and visionary leader, and his address was highly praised by all who heard it (a copy is available in our library).

Jenny Helbraun, our office manager, is working with Jeffrey Miller and the Building Committee on several building maintenance projects, including replacement of the defunct heater in the oneg room, and a disaster planning checklist that will include a tour for the Va'ad of the location of the building's gas and water valves and how to shut off these services in an emergency. We had talked about this before the earthquake and Jenny will have the checklist ready for our next meeting.

Richard Inlander reported that our gift shop is now open on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:05 pm, and the second and

fourth Monday evenings from 7:30 to 10 pm. Ads for our cookbook will be in the December issues of *Outlook*, a quarterly periodical, and the newsletter of Lambda Rising, a bookstore in Washington, D.C. Merry Luskin presented three new individuals and two families who were unanimously voted in as members. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9 pm with, yes, our customary singing of Oseh Shalom.

—Gail Friedlander, Recorder

Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following members who have suffered a recent loss.

To **Steve Weitz** on the loss of his mother, Eva Weitz.

To **Bob Gutterman** on the loss of his father, David Gutterman.

To **Jonathan Schwartz** on the loss of his friend, Jacob Shraeter.

To **Bob Goldware** on the loss of his grandfather, Max Goldstein.

To **Steve Greenberg** on the loss of his friends, Pam Blicher and Randy Burss.

To **Scott Mezistrano** on the loss of his grandmother, Mathilda Mezistrano.

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Gift Shop

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The gift shop is open every Friday evening before our service begins, from 7:30 pm to 8:05 pm. We are also open during library hours, the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:30-10 pm.

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Pacific Jewish Theatre Season

Subscriptions have gone on sale for Pacific Jewish Theatre's first full season at the new Spice Box Cultural Center in Berkeley at 820 Heinz St., just off the Ashby exit.

The 1990 season is devoted to *Jewish Voices: The Echo of the Future*. Three major Jewish writers from crucial periods in history will be produced, along with a special bonus presentation of A Traveling Jewish Theatre.

Opening in January will be a new operatic adaptation of Hugo von Hofmannsthal's *Death and the Fool*. Hofmannsthal was one of the leading cultural figures of fin de siècle Vienna, famous for his lyric dramas and librettos to the operas of Richard Strauss. For the PJT production a modern collaborator has been added—Scott Davenport Richards, frequent composer at the Yale Repertory Theatre, the O'Neill Theatre Center, and Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival.

The second production is the world premiere of Shem Bitterman's *Beijing Legends*. This production has been honored with one of the most prestigious grants in American theatre—the Fund for New American Plays, sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with the American Express Corporation and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. Joining this premiere event will be one of China's leading visual artists, Zheng Chongbin, to design the sets.

The final offering in the main-stage season will be the classic American comedy of manners, *Rain from Heaven*, by S.N. Behrman, originally presented on Broadway in 1934.

Last spring, PJT's production of Max Frisch's *Andorra* received local and national attention for sparking a new interest in Jewish theatre. Bernard Weiner of the *San Francisco Chronicle* hailed the production as "theatrically stunning," while Robert Hurwitt of the East Bay express called the work "wonderfully inventive."

For complete information regarding special subscription packages and events for the whole family call 849-0550; for group sales, call Bonnie Swope at 849-0498.

High Holiday Thank You

The beauty and depth of our High Holiday services were appreciated by an unprecedented number of people this year. We wish to extend many thanks to all of our members, guests and friends for their considerable patience in accommodating all who came to worship with us, and for their flexibility in dealing with the newly instituted Kol Nidre seating system.

Our services would not have been the wonderful experience they were without the hard work and dedication of many people. First, very special thanks to our **coordinators** Claudia Bernard and Hal Podgur. Many thanks to our wonderful president Eric Keitel for his support, advice and leadership, to Rabbi Yoel Kahn for his ongoing involvement, and his practical assistance in solving the Kol Nidre overcrowding problem, and to Jenny Helbraun for her invaluable office assistance and unfailing good spirits.

Our sincere thanks to all the wonderful people who participated in the various aspects of the services, people whose talents and dedication made the services powerful and unique: the **Ritual Committee, service leaders, torah and haftarah chanters, shofar blowers, and lay sermonizers**, including Don Albert, Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Leslie Bergson, Daniel Chesir, Tiela Chalmers, Laurie Davis, Sue Douglass, Jonathan Funk, Steve Greenberg, Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Betty Kalis, Ron Lezell, Henry Mach, Scott Mezistrano, Jose Luis Moscovich, Ora Prochovnick, Mike Rankin, Terry Rothchild Rose, Jill Rose, Ben Schalit, Bill Schlichter, Judy Schwartz, Jonathan Schwartz, Nancy Snow, David Stein, Sen Talley, Marion Trentman, Susan Unger and Dana Vinicoff.

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ist Dwight Okimura, our beautiful **Kol Nidre instrumentalists**, as well as Randy Schiller, our **sound specialist**. Special thanks for the continuing generosity of Walt Leiss in providing the fabulous **onegs**, organized by co-chairs Shirley Liberman and Rena Franz with help from Don Albert, Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Mantra Ben Yaakov, Judith Cohen, Steve Elman, Jane Graeven, Alex Ingersoll, Richard Inlander, Johanna Johnson, Forrest Kincaid, Ron Lezell, Beth Lilach, Margaret Livingston, Edward Pollock, Nathan Robinson, Peter Vishniac, Elyse Waldman, Lonnie Weiss and Lynne Marie Zerbarini.

We would like to give special recognition to the following **ushers**, whose extra initiative and dedication helped create a modicum of order in our overcrowded facilities: Ellen Gierson, Jeffrey Miller, Julie Moed, Jeff Rubin and Ruth Schoenbach. And many thanks to all of our wonderful ushers: Sharone Abromowitz, Nancy-Carol Adler, Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Steve Berlin, Marc Breindel, Judith Cohen, Ellen Elias, Steve Elman, Sanford Friedman, Steven Gaynes, Allan Gold, Allen Harris, Carol Heller, Marjorie Hilsenrad, Jerry Hipps, Ida Kuluk, Martha Lubitz, Lee Morrow, David Nahmod, Diane Spaugh and Susan Stahl. Extra special thanks to our **children's service usher**, Evan Kuluk.

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Our High Holiday celebrations would not be complete without our lovely Sukkot services. Special thanks to Steve Elman for his coordination of all Sukkot activities and arrangements. Many thanks to Allan Gold, Gary Glasser, Sue Douglass and Sonia Douglass for their hospitality in hosting our Sukkot celebrations in their homes. And special appreciation to our sukkot builders, Steve Elman, Sanford Friedman, Allan Gold, Jerry Hipps, Tom Holt and Peter Vishniac.

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And thank you, **Jay Feinstein**, for decorating the sanctuary for Sukkot.



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Library Notes

Twice Blessed: On Being Lesbian, Gay and Jewish, Christie Balka and Andy Rose, eds., Beacon Press, \$24.95.

True, someone should have written this book years ago, but since no one did, I'm glad Andy Rose and Christie Balka can take credit for it. *Twice Blessed: On Being Lesbian, Gay and Jewish* runs through a wide path of gay and lesbian Jewish experience, encompassing intensely personal stories, articles of academic, informational and theoretical interest, and combinations thereof. The book is divided into five sections: Naming Ourselves, Reclaiming Our History, Honoring Our Relationships, Creating Lesbian and Gay Jewish Community, and Reaching Out: Lesbian and Gay Jews in the Jewish Community. The sections flow naturally one to the other with succinct, straightforward introductions by the editors. Throughout the book, editors' notes also thoughtfully direct the reader to other articles in the book that deal with a point being raised. The back of the book is a gold mine of gay and lesbian Jewish information, including appendices on models for teaching about homosexuality and workshops on homophobia in a Jewish setting, an annotated bibliography, a glossary, and organizational resources. Footnotes to articles are, unfortunately, annoyingly placed at the back of the book rather than within each article, so that there is a constant need to stop reading and find the right page in the back.

One of the things the anthologists must hate is that after he and she spend inordinate amounts of time deciding on the placement and juxtaposition of articles, the reader skips around to whatever sounds interesting. This reader was no exception. Nonetheless, I got the impression that the articles were well placed for whomever, if anyone, reads an anthology from start to finish.

And what sounded interesting to me? I was drawn first to Alan Zamochnick's "Different Like Moses," which, in addition to the author's personal struggle growing up with cerebral palsy and profound hearing loss (and being gay and Jewish, of course), contains important thoughts on Judaism and its attitudes toward people with disabilities. The author identifies with Moses, the

greatest leader of our people, who was "slow of speech," and spoke through his brother Aaron, just as the author communicates most effectively when he uses a sign language interpreter. The article by Rebecca Alpert, "In God's Image: Coming to Terms with Leviticus," is a clear and comprehensive guide to understanding biblical and talmudic prohibitions about homosexuality.

But the article that moved me beyond words was "Journey Toward Wholeness: Reflections of a Lesbian Rabbi," written by an author who identifies herself only as La Escondida—the Hidden One. The author serves as the rabbi of a congregation with whom she enjoys an excellent relationship—except that her congregation does not know that she is a lesbian. We who enjoy the luxury of being openly gay and Jewish at the same time need to know that now, today, in 1989, there are those who cannot. Listen as she describes a counseling session with a young male congregant who, after a painful break-up with a lover, comes out to her, saying that he feels he cannot be out as a gay man in the congregation:

"I make a split-second decision. I cannot be an 'escondida,' a hidden one, especially to another gay person. I give him a hug. I tell him about myself, I tell him that I understand, I talk to him about God, I talk to him about being a Jew. I offer him comfort and support and I listen to him. I urge him to keep coming to our congregation, though I understand that he may not feel he can reveal himself to his fellow congregants. To my great pleasure, he does return—and each Shabbat he prays and sings with a community that accept him as a Jew, but is not yet ready to accept him as a gay man. Nevertheless, there is a bond between him and me. I am his rabbi, and I am his friend. We are no longer invisible to one another. His life is enriched, as is mine."

Of course, an anthology, especially the first of its kind, can never encompass the full scope of its subject, and my only criticism of *Twice Blessed* is not about what's in it, but what isn't. The editors include a broad spectrum of experience. There is an article about growing up disabled, one about growing up working class, and a wide range of perspec-

tives on family—parents of gays, lesbian parents, etc., but I would have like to have seen articles from gay or lesbian Jews living in Israel, or at least somewhere in the world other than the United States. Also, I would have liked to have seen representation by those out of the baby boom age range. There are no articles by anyone of high school or college age, and the only article about an older person is "Gerry's Story: An Oral History," an interview with a 75-year-old lesbian filtered through the view of the young male interviewer. As excellent as the piece was, I think it would have been more powerful had it been written first person, by Gerry herself.

The \$24.95 price tag may seem a little steep for a 300+ page book, but as my former boss at Ballantine Books used to say, "Books aren't hamburger and you don't sell them by the pound." Think how many years we have needed a book like this and how long it may be before there is another. *Twice Blessed* is a unique addition to any library and you deserve it in yours.

—Leslie Bergson

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Sibling Notes

Beth Ahavah (Philadelphia)—began a monthly Sunday Brunch Education Series on October 29. Each month's topic will be different, and led by a different person.

Bet Haverim (Atlanta)—had been denied voting membership in the Atlanta Synagogue Council because of (what else?) its lesbian/gay membership. With the help of two local Atlanta rabbis and Rabbi Mordechai Liebling of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, Bet Haverim has convinced the Atlanta Synagogue Council to reconsider its decision. A final decision will come in November.

Beth Chayim Chadashim (Los Angeles)—last fall co-sponsored with Congregation Shir Shalom of Mar Vista, an Arab-Jewish dialogue panel to educate both congregational communities on the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. BCC also presented a workshop on "Food as a Jewish Issue." And, on September 22, their Shabbat services featured speaker police sergeant Mitchell Grobeson, a Jewish man who is the first openly gay officer of the LAPD.

Beth El Binah (Dallas)—has begun the final phase of its membership application to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Beth Simchat Torah (New York)—has begun a renovation of its synagogue. By Rosh Hashanah, they expected to have a new eastern wall, a modified sound system and a new bima. They are also planning to install a movable western wall, new lighting, new storage rooms and a modernized kitchen.

Etz Chaim (Miami)—has included the following classes in its fall lineup: A Survey of the History of Jews in Europe; Jews in American History; and Jewish Women in History. Also, on October 20, its Shabbat services featured speaker police officer Ambrose Sims, the first openly gay officer of the Miami Beach Police Department.

Or Chadash (Chicago)—Congratulations to Or Chadash on the outstanding job they did in hosting the 11th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews.

AIDS Quilt To Israel

In just two years, the Names Project Quilt has become one of our nation's most valuable resources in the fight against AIDS—promoting a caring and educational dialogue about the epidemic.

Its non-threatening nature encourages people from all walks of life to see the epidemic from its human side, often compelling them to become personally involved in the struggle.

The quilt's power lies in one's direct experience of it. Those who see the quilt understand its message of caring and concern. Because of this, the Names Project is committed to displaying the quilt whenever possible. In that regard, the Names Project plans to bring sections of the quilt to Israel. Andy Rose, outgoing AIDS Project Coordinator of San Francisco's Jewish Family and Children's Services, reports the following after a recent visit to Israel:

"The country has not yet been hard hit by HIV, though those involved with AIDS work [there] are well aware that the actual numbers of infected people are considerably higher than the officially reported figures. But the numbers are still relatively low, and especially in a compact, media-oriented country like Israel, a little AIDS awareness could go a very long way in terms of promoting both prevention and compassion."

Early plans are underway with AIDS health professionals and community activists in Israel to make this a reality. The intent is to display the quilt in several locations in that country over a three to four week period next spring. Material will be published in Hebrew, Arabic and English in hopes of reaching Israel's diverse population.

The only obstacle at this time is financial. The Names Project hopes to secure funds for this endeavor from the wide pool of individuals, organizations, foundations and synagogues which constitute our American Jewish community—those who have taken leadership in the challenge of bringing the AIDS crisis to this nation's attention.

Information regarding the Names Project in general and the Israel Tour in particular can be obtained by contacting Nancy Katz at either 863-5511 or (707) 546-2140.

Please join in making this dream a reality. Tax deductible contributions to the Names Project can be sent to 2362 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94114 and should be specifically designated for the Israel Tour.

—Ron Lezell

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Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Member Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Richard Inlander, Mike Rankin, Liaisons) and World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Robin Leonard, Liaison).

DECEMBER

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<p>1 Friday 3 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Toldot, Rabbi Kahn and Merry Luskin 	<p>9 Saturday 11 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am, Kadimah 4pm, Healing Service 	<p>17 Sunday 19 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm, Childcare for Parenting Forum 2:30pm, CSZ Parenting Forum 	<p>25 Monday 27 Kislev</p> <p>Chanukah Third Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm, Gift shop open Project Open Hand Christmas
<p>2 Saturday 4 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30, Kadimah, Family Learning Day 	<p>10 Sunday 12 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm, Ensemble 	<p>18 Monday 20 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Education Committee 	<p>26 Tuesday 28 Kislev</p> <p>Chanukah Fourth Day</p>
<p>3 Sunday 5 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm, Childcare for Parenting Forum 2:30pm, CSZ Parenting Forum 	<p>11 Monday 13 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Va'ad Meeting 7:30pm, Gift shop open 	<p>19 Tuesday 21 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Sanctuary Covenant Meeting 7:30pm, Newsletter proofreading/layout, 1711 Castro 	<p>27 Wednesday 29 Kislev</p> <p>Chanukah Fifth Day</p>
<p>4 Monday 6 Kislev</p>	<p>12 Tuesday 14 Kislev</p>	<p>20 Wednesday 22 Kislev</p>	<p>28 Thursday 30 Kislev</p> <p>Chanukah Sixth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Ritual Committee 7:30pm Newsletter Mailing, 14 Grandview Terrace
<p>5 Tuesday 7 Kislev</p>	<p>13 Wednesday 15 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism class with Phyllis Mintzer 7pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro 	<p>21 Thursday 23 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim 	<p>29 Friday 1 Tevet</p> <p>Chanukah Seventh Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Children's Service, Daniel Chesir 8:15pm, Services, Miketz, Rabbi Kahn and Dana Vinicoff
<p>6 Wednesday 8 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Finance Committee at Jerry Rosenstein's 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism class with Phyllis Mintzer 	<p>14 Thursday 16 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm, Spirituality Chavurah 7:30pm, Building Committee 	<p>22 Friday 24 Kislev</p> <p>Winter Begins Erev Chanukah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Vayeshev, Daniel Chesir and Steve Greenberg 	<p>30 Saturday 2 Tevet</p> <p>Chanukah Eighth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Morning Services, Miketz, Rabbi Kahn and Bill Schlichter 7pm, Chanukah party Unitarian Center
<p>7 Thursday 9 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Social Action Committee 7:30pm, Long-Range Planning Committee 	<p>15 Friday 17 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Vayishlach, Torah Service, Rabbi Kahn and Beth Berkelhammer 	<p>23 Saturday 25 Kislev</p> <p>Chanukah First Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Chanukah Party Pre-school program—tentative 	<p>31 Sunday 3 Tevet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30pm, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco
<p>8 Friday 10 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Vayetze, Tiela Chalmers and Scott Mezistrano 	<p>16 Saturday 18 Kislev</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am, Kadimah 4pm, Services, Liturgy for Healing, Rabbi Kahn and Bill Schlichter 	<p>24 Sunday 26 Kislev</p> <p>Chanukah Second Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm, Ensemble Project Open Hand Christmas 	

5 Friday, January 5
8 Tevet, 8:15pm, Services, Vayigash, Bill Schlichter and Susan Gelmis

Wondering what to do on Christmas Eve or Day?

PERFORM A MITZVAH!

This year we'll cook and deliver meals for Project Open Hand on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You don't need a car to volunteer.

And we'll bring Chanukah to Shanti Project's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16.

We'll conclude these mitzvah opportunities with a potluck at Sha'ar Zahav at 6:00 p.m. on December 25.



Please join us for mitzvot and supper!

Please return this form by December 11 for the Shanti Project party or by December 15 for Project Open Hand.

Yes, I/we want to help!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Car? (Y/N) _____

Check one or more:

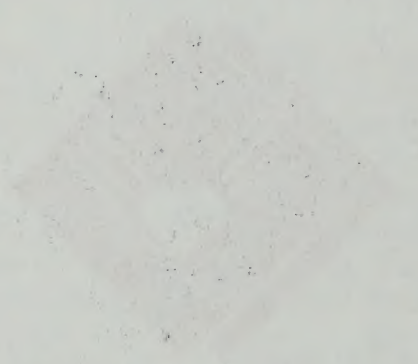
___ 12/16 Shanti Party at 5:00 p.m.

___ 12/24 Kitchen Help ___ 9am to 1pm ___ 10am to 2pm

___ 12/24 Meal Delivery from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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CHANUKAH AT SHA'AR ZAHAV: LATKE LUAU, THE SEQUEL

Saturday • December 30th • 7:00 pm

Unitarian Center • Geary @ Franklin • San Francisco

\$5 for members • \$7 for non-members • free child care

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE: WEEK FOR TWO IN
HAWAII



SECOND PRIZE: WEEKEND FOR TWO @ THE RUSSIAN RIVER

AND MANY OTHER RAFFLE PRIZES!

BID ON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

BRING YOUR MENORAH FOR COMMUNITY
LIGHTING

MUSIC • DANCING • FUN • FOOD

WITH LOTS AND LOTS OF LATKES



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LATKE LUAN THE SEQUEL

Summary: Chapter 10 - 11

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